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1. According to Soviets, Zavod 40 in Moscow was scheduled to be an installation for manufacturing penicillin. This factory was to the right of the highway heading toward about 1 km from the stadium in the direction of Leningrad. According to the Soviets this factory was a subsidiary of the Karpov Plant. Production was allegedly under way in the Karpov Plant, but no detailed information on this is available.
2. Source's information on the Zavod 40 is very scanty. On the plant grounds he observed large workshops and buildings and a large dump of instruments and of machinery with American name plates. Those machines and instruments were marked with a red cross on a white background. Source remembers all kinds of boiler installations. There were coiled pipings as are used in large cooling installations. There was a special fenced-in area of about 100x100 meters on the plant grounds. The construction of a new boiler house, about 35x20 meters and about 10 meters high, was under way in this section. The building with high windows and an iron smoke stack was under construction here. The smoke stack will be about 35 meters high, judging from the amount of iron parts prepared. Two boiler plants with stationary grates for hand firing were installed in the boiler house. Coal bunkers or coal conveying installations did not exist. \*

25X1A\* Comment. The production of penicillin in this plant was also indicated in reports of two additional sources who designated the plant the Bityrak Aniline Dye Factory N 40. In contrast to the assumption made previously, this report indicates that production started first not in this plant but in the Karpov Plant, the second Moscow Penicillin Factory. \*\*Boilers and pipings were still being installed in the Plant No 40 early in 1949.

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\*\* Comment: Two sources report that penicillin production in Karpov had not started by August 1948 but had started by October 1948.

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